So Marshfield Mss. Aug 6th
1/4 past 11. P.M.

Dear Mrs Chapman We feel very grateful to you for the interest you have manifested in the promotion of the cause of immediate emancipation in this place. On Wednesday next the Constitution for our society will be drawn up: & next week the Rev Mr Macy, (what a good man he is!) will deliver an address & our Society will be formed.

My chief object in writing is, to inform you that we are much pleased with the Liberator I sent one to the South part of the town & gave the other to a family in this vicinity to read & then give to a neighbour. But much as we need them, there is a town near us, (Duxbury) where information is wanted still more. A friend of mine (Miss Elizabeth Lewis, formerly preceptress of Middleborough Academy) is teaching school in So Duxbury. She says in a letter which I have just received, Send us information: all we want is for people to read. I do not wish to intrude on your generosity too much & think therefore that one of the copies which you send here had better be directed to her at So Marshfield Office. So Marshfield is nearer to her that the Duxbury Office

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I sent her the Report you sent down. I think she is a very valuable accession. She has recently become converted – & her present warmth is in exact proportion to her former opposition.

With the money we raise at the formation of our society, we intend to purchase books. Will you have the goodness to make a selection if I send you the money? My friends in the city do not know the names of your publications & I scarcely know the first half of the letter A about the subject. I used to say – "Abolitionists never tell any thing new, 'tis all one story over again." But I find I shall have to study a long time, to become thoroughly acquainted with their arguments.

We shall always be happy to receive any thing you can conveniently send. some back numbers of the Liberator will be acceptable. & you have them to dispose of.

I will not weary you longer, but close by subscribing myself, (if you will allow me) very affectionately yours

Louisa Phillips

I have had some fine compliments. Some people think I had much better stay at home & attend to my own business, &c, than to be obtaining names to petitions to Congress.

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